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Commissioner Betts Signs Performance-Based Oversight Incentive Rule

AUSTIN, TX — On December 28, 2007, Commissioner of Workers' Compensation Albert Betts signed a rule establishing incentives for performance-based oversight (28 Texas Administrative Code §180.19). The Texas Department of the Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) will offer incentives to the insurance carriers and health care providers who were assessed for overall compliance and placed into a regulatory tier in August 2007. These incentives include limited audit exemption, public recognition and modified penalties depending on the tier placement of the insurance carrier or health care provider.

Commissioner of Workers' Compensation is required by statute to adopt requirements that provide incentives for overall compliance in the Texas workers' compensation system and that emphasize performance-based oversight linked to key regulatory outcomes.

"Performance-based oversight is just one compliance approach the Division of Workers' Compensation uses to ensure system participants are meeting compliance goals," Commissioner Betts said. "These rules provide incentives for insurance carriers and health care providers to continually work on improving their overall compliance in the workers' compensation system."

Key provisions of the Performance-Based Oversight Incentive rule include:

- key regulatory goals that outcomes will be measured against;
- three regulatory tiers used by TDI-DWC; and
- incentives offered for high, average and poor performers.

The rule is posted on the agency website at:
<http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/rules/adopted/adopted.html>.

For questions or more information about the Performance-Based Oversight Incentive rule, contact Teresa Carney at 512-804-4702; e-mail Teresa.Carney@tdi.state.tx.us. Additional information on performance-based oversight is available at:
<http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/pbo/pbo.html>.

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This release refers to the workers' compensation incentives for Performance-Based Oversight rule (28 Texas Administrative Code §180.19).